

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2020 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, May 22–Sunday, May 31, 2020. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, June 20–Sunday, June 27, 2020. They will attend similar meetings in Washington.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that there is a significant time commitment aspect for those selected for the program. In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful

program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Questions may be directed to Ms. Kate Knudson at 202-226-1766.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH MARK ROBERTS

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, as a source of inspiration and drive for every student who walks onto his track, Colorado's Lyons High School Head Cross Country Coach Mark Roberts is a prime example of the kind of coach we all hope our children have. I am so proud that his many years of tireless work at Lyons High is being honored by his induction into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame this March.

Raised in Colorado and a runner himself since high school, Coach Roberts is well-known throughout Colorado's running community and has expertly coached countless track and field students to victory. During Coach Roberts tenure, the Lyons boys and girls cross country and track and field teams won a combined 18 state championships and were runners-up an equal number of times. In 2013 alone, the Lyons High boys runners placed first, second and third to record the only perfect team score in state history. This past fall, Lyons also won every possible championship—boys and girls individual titles, as well as boys and girls team titles—joining just one other school as the first to do so since 1995.

In addition to his clear talent for coaching students to victory, Coach Roberts has also been the meet director for the St. Vrain Invitational track and St. Vrain Invitational cross country meets. These are two of the largest meets in Colorado and Coach Roberts has added innovative and exciting components to them, to not only inspire the participating athletes, but also to ensure these events are engaging for families and, truly, our entire community.

Coach Roberts is clearly an irreplaceable asset to the running and sports communities throughout Colorado and to every student athlete he serves, and his induction into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame is very well earned. Colorado's 2nd Congressional District and our entire state send our congratulations to Coach Roberts and wish him and the Lyons team continued victory on the field.

HONORING THE 112TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American college-educated women in the United States, on its one hundred twelfth anniversary.

Founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., Alpha Kappa Alpha's sisterhood has grown to more than one thousand chapters worldwide with more than seventy-five thousand members strong. Michigan alone is home to more than thirty chapters, several of which serve the Wayne County and metropolitan Detroit regions. Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded with a goal of bringing like-minded women together to uplift each other, using their bond, strengths, and passions to benefit others. This sisterhood has created a vast network of sisters in service who work on countless community projects each year. The sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha have focused their efforts to uplift the most vulnerable and impoverished individuals and advancing human and civil rights everywhere.

Please join me in recognizing Alpha Kappa Alpha on this outstanding milestone as we wish them many more years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA'S 39TH DISTRICT SELECTED AS 2020 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS

HON. GILBERT RAY CISNEROS, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor and congratulate ten elementary schools in California's 39th District for their selection as 2020 California Distinguished Schools. The California Distinguished Schools Program is a component of the California School Recognition Program and serves to recognize schools that demonstrate outstanding education programs and practices. Schools awarded with this distinction hold the Distinguished School title for two years. This year, eligible elementary schools in the State of California were identified through a multiple measures accountability system that examines performance and progress on state indicators specified on the California School Dashboard. Schools were identified and selected within two distinct categories: Closing the Achievement Gap and Exceptional Student Performance.

Elementary schools in California's 39th District awarded this distinction include: Acacia

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